Credit flow to minorities

1095. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1194 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the composition of Special Cell set up for monitoring credit flows to minority communities, bank-wise;

(b) what are the details of the specified minority communities to whom advances have been granted after 1986 RBI Circular to the public sector banks; and

(c) what are the details of the district identified for giving special thrust to enhance credit flow to minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Zorastrians and Neo Buddhists have peen included under the definition of minority communities in respect of whom Reserve Bank tf India (RBI) had issued instructions in July, 1986.

(c) The details of the districts identified for giving special thrust to enhance credit flow to minority communities are given in the statement.

Statement

The Details of the Districts identified for giving Special thrust to enhance Credit flow to Minority Communities

States	Districts
Uttar Pradesh	1. Rampur 2. Bijnor 3. Moraabad 4. Saharanpur 5. Muzaffarnagar 6. Meerut 7. Bahraich 8. Gonda 9. Ghaziabsd 10. Piliphbit 11. Deoria 12. Barabanki 13. Basti
West Bengal	14. Murshidabad 15. Malda 16. West Dinajpur 17. Birbhum 18. Nadia 19. 24 Parganas (South) 24 (Parganas (North) 20. Cooch-Bihar 21. Howrah
Kerala	22. Mallappuram 23. Kozikhode 24. Cannanore 25. Palghat 26. Wyanad
Bihar	27. Purnea 28. Katihar 29. Darbhnga

States	Districts
Karnataka	30. Bidar 31. Gulbarga 32. Bijapur
Maharashtra	33. Greater Bombay 34. Aurangabad
Andhra Pradesh	35. Hyderabad 36. Kurnool
Haryana	37. Gurgaon
Madhya Pradesh	38. Bhopal
Rajasthan	39. Jaislalmer
Gujarat	40. Kutch

The number of identified districts has since gone up to 41 consequent on the bifurcation of 24 Parganas district in West Bangal into North and South 24 Parganas.

Rise in prices of primary articles and manufactured products

1096. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE pe pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 413 given in the Rajya Sapha on the 26th November, 1991 and state:

(a) the extent to which the prices of primary articles including cereals rose during the six months ended September 30, 1991 with details regarding price rise of each article;

(b) the extent of rise in the prices of fuel, power, light and lubricants during the same period;

(c) the extent of rise in the prices of manufactured products during the same period; and

(d) what has been the trend (weekly movement) in the prices of essential commodities during September, to November, 1991 alongwith the rates of inflation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The extent of the increase in the prices of primary articles in terms of the movement of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during the six months ended September 28, 1991 is given in statement I (*See* below).
September 28, 1991.

(b) and (c) The prices of fuel, power, light and lubricants increased by 4.9 per cent and that of manufactured products by 7.1 per cent during the six-months ended September 28, 1991.

(d) The trends (weekly movement) in the prices of essential commodities during September to November, 1991 along with the rates of inflation are given in statement II (*See* below)

Statement I

Movement of WPI of Primary Articles April to September, 1991
(Base: 1981-82)-100

Items/Commodities	Weight	Per cent change during six months
1	2	3
ALL COMMODITIES	100·00	8·8
I PRIMARY ARTICLES	32·30	12·8
(A) Food articles	17·39	16·4
(a) Foodgrains (Cereals + &Pulses)	7·92	10·9
all Cereals	6·82	10·7
Rice	3·69	17·5